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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5750.4C

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field
addressees not having Navy personnel attached)

Subj: NAVY HISTORICAL PROGRAMS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5755.1A
(b) SECNAVINST 5070.2B
(c) SECNAVINST 5700.15
(d) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

1. Purpose. To issue policy on Navy historical programs. This instruction is a complete revision and should be read in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5750.4B.

3. Scope. This instruction applies to historical and archival programs and projects. Policies for Navy museum, library, and art programs are set forth in references (a) through (c). The Navy-wide command history program is governed by reference (d).

4. Background. Navy history represents the cumulative experience of the U.S. Navy. Historical information and lessons learned are essential for current planning, analysis, and administration. Knowledge of the Navy's history supports professional development of personnel, and promotes the morale of Navy personnel, and pride in the naval service. Dissemination of historical data informs the public on the role of the Navy in the overall history of the nation.

5. Discussion

a. Under the direction of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Director of Naval History (N09BH) develops Navy policy on historical matters, oversees Navy historical programs and museums, and promotes the study of Navy history.

b. The Navy's central historical office is the Naval Historical Center in Washington, DC. In addition, other commands and offices are authorized and encouraged to establish historical offices or projects in order to meet their specific needs.



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6. Responsibilities

a. The Director of Naval History:

(1) Directs and administers the Naval Historical Center in Washington, DC.

(2) Advises and assists other Navy commands that are planning or undertaking historical or archival programs and projects.

(3) Identifies the Navy's requirements for research and publications in Navy history and for the collection and preservation of significant historical records, and administers programs to meet those requirements.

(4) Promotes the effectiveness of the Navy's historical and archival community by organizing professional workshops, and maintaining a central source of information on historical and archival activities.

(5) Deploys historical documentation teams to collect historical records and information on significant Navy operations and participation in joint campaigns.

b. Navy Commands

(1) Assure that reliable histories of their commands, and related historical records, are maintained and preserved.

(2) Submit required annual command histories in accordance with reference (d).

(3) Encourage historical awareness within their commands.

(4) Provide support to historical documentation teams deployed to their commands.

7. Action

a. Addressees will inform the Director of Naval History of major historical and archival activities and projects.

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b. Addressees will ensure wide dissemination of information concerning the existence and purpose of Navy historical programs.



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